

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

TITLE 13, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 6
AMEND ARTICLE 1, SECTIONS 1150-1152.8

Explosives Routes and Stopping Places (CHP-R-02-01)

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) proposes to amend regulations in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations (13 CCR) relating to designated routes and required inspection stops for shipments of explosives.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Division 14 (commencing with Section 31600) of the California Vehicle Code (VC) imposes routing restrictions and inspection requirements on persons transporting explosives for hire or transporting 1000 or more pounds of explosives not for hire. Section 31616 VC requires the CHP to designate the routes in this state which are to be used for the transportation of explosives. Existing regulations (13CCR 1150 - 1152.8) contain these designated routes. Section 31607 VC requires the CHP to designate inspection stops for use by transporters of explosives. Existing regulations (13 CCR 1150-1152.8) contain these designated inspection stops.

The proposed amendments will update designated routes, required inspection stops, the list of safe stopping places and update the list of safe parking places for explosives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed action via facsimile at (916) 446-4579 or by writing to:

CHP, Enforcement Services Division
California Highway Patrol
ATTN.: Michael Chaffee
P.O. Box 942898
Sacramento, CA 94298-0001

Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, December 29, 2003.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearing has been scheduled. If any person desires a public hearing, a written request must be received by the CHP, Commercial Vehicle Section no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

The CHP has available for public review a general statement of reasons for the proposed regulatory action, the information upon which this action is based (the rulemaking file), and the proposed regulation text in strikeout and underline format. Requests to review or receive copies of this information should be directed to the CHP at the foregoing address, by facsimile at (916) 446-4579 or by calling the CHP Commercial Vehicle Section at (916) 445-1865. Facsimile requests for information should include the following information: The title of the rulemaking package, the requester's name, proper mailing address (including city, state and ZIP Code), and a daytime telephone number in case the information is incomplete or illegible.

The rulemaking file is available for inspection at the California Highway Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Section, 444 North Third Street, Sacramento. Interested parties are advised to call for an appointment. All documents regarding the proposed action are also available through our web site at www.chp.ca.gov/regulations.

Any person desiring to obtain a copy of the adopted text and a final statement of reasons may request them at the above noted address. Copies will also be posted on our web site.

CONTACT PERSON

Any inquiries concerning the written materials pertaining to the proposed regulations should be directed to Mr. Mike Chaffee or Sergeant Steve Schnobelen, CHP, Commercial Vehicle Section at (916) 445-1865. Inquiries regarding the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to Mr. Mike Chaffee.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

After consideration of public comments, the CHP may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice. If the proposal is modified prior to adoption and the change is not solely grammatical or is nonsubstantive in nature, the full text of the resulting regulation, with the changes clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

The CHP has made an initial determination that this proposed regulatory action: (1) will have no effect on housing costs; (2) will not impose any new mandate upon local agencies or school districts; (3) involves no nondiscretionary or reimbursable costs or savings to any local agency, school district, or state agency, or federal funding to the state; (4) will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California nor result in the elimination of existing businesses or create or expand businesses in the State of California; and (5) will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The regulated community is encouraged to respond during the comment period of this regulatory process if significant impacts are identified.

COST IMPACTS ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES

The California Highway Patrol is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The California Highway Patrol has determined that the proposed regulatory action may affect small businesses. If a business can no longer meet the requirements, they will be deleted from the safe stopping and parking listings for explosives transporters.

ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13), the California Highway Patrol must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the California Highway Patrol, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the California Highway Patrol, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action. The California Highway Patrol invites interested parties to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period.

AUTHORITY

This regulatory action is being taken pursuant to Sections 31616 VC.

REFERENCE

This action implements, interprets, or makes specific Sections 31601, 31607 and 31616 VC.

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